



# THE MILL WHEEL



Rotary Club of Mill Valley  
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District Website: [www.rotary5150.org](http://www.rotary5150.org)



## TIMELY THOUGHTS

❖ "Greeter" **Phil Richardson** came up with three to get you thinking:

- *Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech*—**Benjamin Franklin**.

- *The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings; the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries*—**Winston Churchill**.

- *My definition of a free society is a society where it is safe to be unpopular*—**Adlai Stevenson**.

## PRESIDER

❖ Can you believe this? President **Carl Lippenberger** upgraded his speaker, so his voice was coming

## The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

in loud and clear. But when he rang the bell to start the "official" part of today's meeting—*silence!* Back to the drawing board!

## JOKE OF THE DAY

❖ Thanks to PP **Kent Campbell**:  
A man on vacation with his family arrives at a hotel.

As he's checking in, he says to the clerk, "I'm on vacation with my family, please make sure the porn channel is disabled."

The clerk replies in disgust, "Disabled?! It's just regular porn, you sicko!"

## VISITORS

❖ Plenty, several of whom, as eight-year-olds, were important contributors to "The Mill Valley Song" 50 years ago. The Strawberry Point School third graders attending included **Greg Berman, Dolores Robinson, Judy Barr, Cindi Cain** and **Jerry Norton**. Others spotted during today's Zoom session were Mill Valley City Councilman **Urban Carmel**, Vice Mayor **John McCauley**, and a mysterious **Peter Piper**. Hope we haven't missed anyone.

## MORE COVID-19 INSPIRED HUMOR SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS



Vintage picture of an old tradition of people eating cake after someone blows air from their mouth onto it  
Circa: 2019 B.C. (Before Coronavirus)



**DON'T  
TRUST EVERYTHING  
YOU SEE.  
EVEN SALT LOOKS  
LIKE SUGAR.**

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### FOUNDATION DRIVE

❖ Foundation Chair **Phil Richardson** made a strong pitch on behalf of the Annual District Fund Drive in support of The Rotary Foundation. Every Mill Valley Rotarian should have by now received Phil's letter in which he gives details.

Just in case that letter may have been misplaced, here's a brief reminder:

- This year the District will match contributions from \$100 to \$250, making it easier to receive a Paul Harris award.

- The traditional District raffle features Visa gift cards totaling \$6,300—don't forget to fill out the coupons provided with the letter, so Phil can get yours to the District. You get one raffle ticket for every \$20 contributed.

- Important—Deadline for Phil to receive your return envelope is November 1st!

Phil noted that 58% of club members donated to The Rotary Foundation last year. He's hoping to improve on that percentage this year. Any amount over \$25 will count towards our club participation goal.

Rotary's theme for the annual drive is "*Every Rotarian Every Year.*" Let's live it!



► Details on the District website: [www.rotary5150.org](http://www.rotary5150.org).

### CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthday*: PP **Bruce Wrisley** celebrated his 93rd on October 12. When asked by the president what he did to celebrate, he replied, "Not a thing!"

❖ *Club Anniversaries*: PP **Kent Campbell** claims to be "still celebrating" during the absence of PE **Lisán** who continues to visit a friend in Southern California. Kent and Lisán mark a wedding anniversary tomorrow. He's planning a Zoom event!

### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Jane Hall 10/7/08

Kent Campbell 10/9/12



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Richard Rider 10/1

Kimberly Jessup 10/10

Bruce Wrisley 10/12

Daniel L. Hatch 10/15

Lisán Campbell 10/17

Stewart Munson 10/19

Rita Sedano-Garcia 10/30



## GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** made another trip to Carmel where he put in some beach time. Gorgeous weather, he reports, and, to top things off, he actually dove into the ocean!

❖ **Tom McKlveen** offered up a double bell-ringer for his Good Time. One was for his daughter **Betsey** who came from Evanston, IL for a short visit with him and **Nancy**. The other was for his son **John** who came from Seattle a few days later for a short visit.

"It was soooooo good to see them. Easily worth the bell ringers!" Tom enthused.

## PROGRAM

❖ Program Chair **Bob Canepa** told a cute story during his introduction of today's speaker, **Rita Abrams**, of "*The Mill Valley Song*" fame. Bob was in the Marines, on a blind date with a young lady who wanted to know where he was from. How did he tell her? Of course, he sang the "Mill Valley Song!" **Editor's note:** It must have been the lyrics, not the voice—the blind date, **Regina**, married our troubadour!

Today's program turned the spotlight on a delightful slice of Mill Valleyana, if we can put it that way. Rita told the story of the creation of the song and its subsequent use in a short Warner Brothers film directed by none other than **Francis Ford Coppola**.

Also, it was fun to have some of the "kids" who actually sang the song 50 years ago join us via Zoom to share their experience.

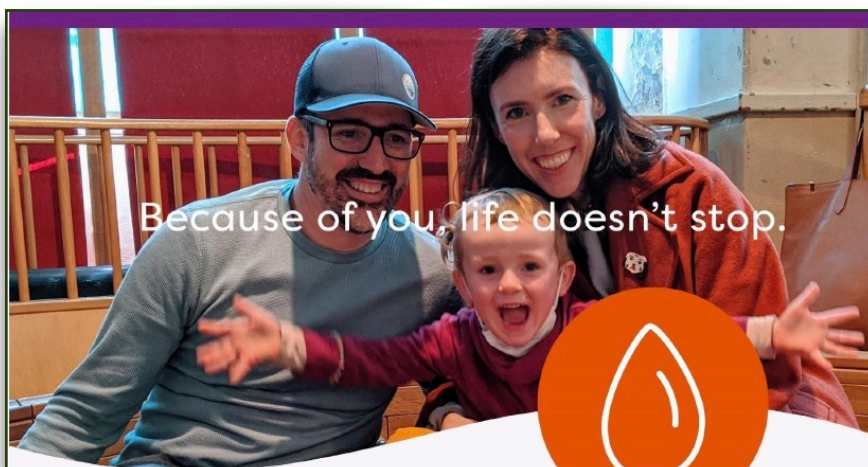
Congratulations once again to the The MV Rotary program committee. They scored big time with this "hometown" winner!

► In a photo that appeared in the *Marin IJ*, **Rita Abrams**, right, poses with with the Strawberry Point third grade class and a VW bus. (Photo by Don Kline)

Want to hear a fun song? Use the link below and sing along!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-YaWE0zu-c>



## Rotary District 5150

**Wednesday, November 4 and,  
Thursday, November 5 2020  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

### San Rafael Elks Lodge Carriage House

1312 Mission Ave., San Rafael, CA  
(behind main building, follow signs for parking)

To make an appointment, visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org)  
and click "donate".

Use your unique sponsor code: **RAFAEL**

Appointments strongly encouraged.



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-Emily

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The new name for Blood Centers of the Pacific

## NEXT MEETING: "WE'VE VOTED. NOW WHAT?"



◆ November 3: Dick Spotswood, Mill Valley Rotarian, political pundit and government columnist, will be our speaker on Election Day, November 3rd. His presentation is entitled: *"We've Voted. Now What?"* Dick will discuss what we can expect in the next few months as votes are counted, returns disputed and the results announced.



**The older I get, the earlier it gets late.**

**PolioPlus  
Society**

**2020-2021**

**GOAL:  
\$**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$300.00**

**POLIO JAR**

**2020-2021**

**GOAL:  
\$1,000**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$125.00**

**SERVICE FUND  
(GEORGE HOYLE)**

**2020-2021**

**GOAL:  
\$10,000**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$300.00**

**ROTARY  
FOUNDATION  
GIVING**

**2020-2021**

**GOAL:  
\$7,000**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$1,850.00**

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